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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S VISIT TO US

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1. CHONA INFORMED ME MONDAY NIGHT THAT PRES KAUNDA'S
VISIT TO CANADA AS WELL AS THE ONE TO BELGIUM WILL
BE STATE VISITS.

2. I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE SPECIFICS OF THE WASHINGTON
VISIT WITH HIM YET BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE HIGH LEVEL
TREATMENT WHICH KAUNDA WILL RECEIVE IN CANADA AND BELGIUM
WILL INEVITABLY BE COMPARED WITH HIS WASHINGTON VISIT.
KAUNDA'S YALE DEGREE IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY THE 16TH.
THE ZAMBIANS DID NOT DEMUR WHEN WE SUGGESTED THAT IF HE WANTED
TO WAIT FOUR DAYS HE COULD SEE THE PRESIDENT AND MADE THEIR
ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY. KAUNDA WILL NOW BE COMING BACK TO THE
US SPECIFICALLY FOR THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. AS DEPT IS
AWARE FROM EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE (REFTEL B), KAUNDA FEELS
A VERY STRONG PERSONAL RAPPORT WITH PRES CARTER BASED ON THEIR
COMMON MORAL AND PRINCIPLED POSITIONS. I DON'T NEED TO DWELL
ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VISIT IN TERMS OF THE POSSIBILITIES
FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IN RHODESIA AND THE CRITICAL ROLE
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WHICH KAUNDA WILL PLAY IN IT. I KNOW THAT KAUNDA HAS MORE TO
SAY THAN A 30-MINUTE VISIT WOULD ALLOW AND I AM SURE HE WANTS
TO HEAR PRES CARTER'S IDEAS IN SOME DETAIL. WHILE I AM AWARE
OF THE PROBLEMS OF PRECEDENT, I NEVERTHELESS STRONGLY RECOMMEND
THAT A WHITE HOUSE LUNCH BE INCLUDED IN THE VISIT AND WE NOT
INFORM THE ZAMBIANS THAT THE OFFICE CALL IS SCHEDULED FOR
ONLY 30 MINUTES.

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